

three villages Viz. Bara Simra, Ghat Simra and Hijukitta have been affected. Number of families so far affected in these three villages and status of their rehabilitation is as under :

Name of village	Total No. of families affected	No. of families so far displaced and rehabilitated	No. of balance affected families to be displaced and rehabilitated
1. Bara Simra	262	262	—
2. Ghat Simra	33	29	4
3. Hijukitta	104	25	79
	399	316	83

Till date, 924 land losers have been provided employment.

(b) and (c) Not applicable as families displaced have been rehabilitated and the remaining affected families shall be rehabilitated when displaced.

[English]

Trade Relation with UK

1200. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and United Kingdom have decided to improve the trade between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the recent visit of the Prime Minister of UK with a delegation of businessmen have decided to strengthen the trade between the two countries;

(d) if so, whether a number of agreements in this regard were signed between India and the UK; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, and to what extent the trade between the two countries will be strengthened during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (e) It is Government's constant endeavour to improve trade relations with all countries including United Kingdom. During the recent visit to India of the Prime Minister of UK with a delegation of businessmen, joint ventures and agreements between private companies from UK and India were signed. These joint ventures and agreements included the sectors of insurance, telecommunications, software, engineering goods, marketing of real estate development etc. These interactions between the businessmen on either side is expected to result in greater economic and commercial cooperation.

[Translation]

National Sericulture Project

1201. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of disbursement of adequate loan is a main reason for the delay in implementation of the National Sericulture Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the speedy implementation of the National Sericulture Project?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Disbursement of credit has not been a constraint in the implementation of the National Sericulture Project as funds had been placed in a special account by the World Bank replenishable periodically, upon depletion, on account of reimbursement claims by the implementing agencies of the project.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The project which commenced in 1989 has closed on 31st December, 1996.

Assistance to Mauritius

1202. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to give loan to Mauritius;

(b) if so, the total amount of loan proposed to be given to Mauritius and the purpose therefor;

(c) the details of the steps taken to improve Indo-Mauritius economic relation and also to expand trade relation between both the countries;

(d) whether such type of loan was given to other countries also;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether such type of assistance was also given to India by other countries; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Government of India (GOI) have signed a US\$ 3 Million agreement with Mauritius during the recently held Joint Commission Meeting (3rd to 5th February, 1997) held in Port-Louis, Mauritius. The said credit line offered by India would be utilised for the export of capital goods and equipment consumer durables and consultancy services.